

FISHERY BYPRODUCTS

Oil and Meal

PRODUCTION: The production of fish oils during June totaled 1,771,108 gallons, an increase of 16 percent compared with June 1945. This brought the total for the half-year period to 2,605,867 gallons compared with 2,920,392 gallons during the first six months of 1945, according to the Service's Current Fishery Statistics No. 286.



Complete data are not available on meal and scrap, but items which normally account for about 94 percent of the total production show an output of 19,849 tons during June, 166 tons more than in June 1945. The 6-month total--41,238 tons--was 15 percent below the corresponding period for 1945.

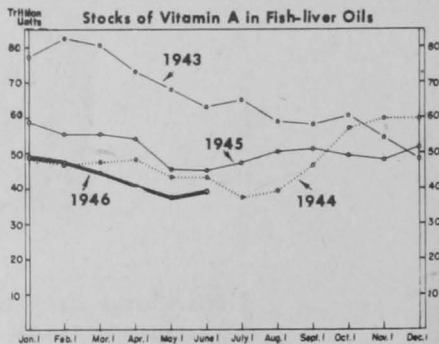
Menhaden oil and meal were the chief products for June, accounting for 70 percent and 68 percent, respectively, of the total productions. The pilchard reduction plants, inactive since March, resume operations in August.



Vitamin A

STOCKS AND PRODUCTION: U.S. stocks of vitamin A in fish-liver oil on June 1 were reported at 38.4 trillion units, an increase of 2 percent above stocks held on May 1 but 15 percent less than those of June 1, 1945, according to the Service's Current Fishery Statistics No. 284.

Production of vitamin A during May totaled 5.0 trillion units compared with 5.2 trillion units produced during May 1945. Total production during the first five months of 1946 amounted to 21.8 trillion units as compared with 21.6 trillion units produced during the corresponding period of 1945.



Receipts of livers during May totaled 1,475,000 pounds containing about 5.5 trillion units of vitamin A. During the same month of 1945, 2,032,000 pounds of livers, having a vitamin A content of 8.0 trillion units, were received.

